was eposity expressed on the floor of the House of Commons. Moreover, his declaration last night that the pavy was ready, Winston Churchill, saking for the Admiralty, indicated that it was possible the British sea con could act before the Germans strike.

considered certain to-day, in the light of this speech, that the British-French-Russian fleets will enforce what is likely to prove at complete blockade ever attempted by belligerents. It is the mt's intention entirely to cut off all German ports from shipping. drag for their mines and in all probability to attempt to force some o of their defended harbors.

The newspapers to-day commenting on the German notes to the United too, may there is no reason to believe otherwise than that this is the perate attempt on the part of German officialdom to "suve its face." They assert the military situation was never better. The possible

ion has been absolutely removed by the enormous number of who have been flocking to the colors. While the Government refigures, it can be stated as a fact that there are now under arms all the Covernment is prepared to outfit at present, and that, in addito the million now either on French soil or en route there there are ed and equipped levies to fill all gaps for at least three months.

ay of the British newspapers charge that the German submarine nde was planned entirely for the purpose of involving the United build other neutral nations. If they should be brought into the present then German officialdom, the papers say, would be able to declare that entire world against her Germany cannot longer fight and must the best peace terms that she can.

This view, in the opinion of the newspapers, is supported by the presen ti-American agitation in the German press. It is pointed out that the tgid German consorship could have prevented the printing of any of these s, and the very fact that they have appeared is cited as proof that the st-American agitation has the approval of the Government.

## British Recapture Two Trenches **Previously Taken by Germans**

taying the offensive between St. Elioe and the Ypres Canal have sucrempturing two lines of outlying trenches previously taken from rmans in a series of assaults was announced to-day.

It was said at the War Office that at this point has taken place the only fastry engagements since Bunday. Elesewhere along the entire pattle out the shehanges are confined to the artillery.

previous reports of notable successes by the French artillery in the fire of the Germans at several points, notably in the Sousin ne regions, are confirmed. It is stated that the French artillery is

ally speaking, the situation is declared to be satisfactory

### OFFICIAL GERMAN REPORT.

## German Troops Take Plock and Capture 1,000 Prisoners

"Foreign newspapers are publishing the most absurd rumors concerning to the cast of Boilmow, Russian in February."

It can be said that the German losses in these attacks were small in propertion to the successes attained

#### BRITISH WILL TORPEDO NEUTRALS IN PLOT. IS CHARGE BY GERMANS.

# SHIPS FROM NEW YORK IN NEW GERMAN WAR ZONE

GERMANS BITTER

munition Has Made Ger-

man Losses Greater.

Bu KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

(United Press) .- The American Gov-

throughout Germany against Ameri-

With the German press daily pub

and more with the allies, and with

Officials and American citizens her

cannot disguise their serious fears

that some incident will occur which

now that the French are using Amer-

lean manufactured arms and am

munition. This has created an at

have maintained a praiseworthy attiward American business, they are

now beginning to complain bitterly and the natural effect is a continuou

growth of the anti-American feeling

owners of Bavaria and elsewhere are now refusing to buy agricultural im-

The Berliner Zeitung yesterday pu

lished a pamphlet which, it is charged

Theodore Roosevelt, urging

was prepared by former President

The Berlin Tageblatt reprinted to

newspaper which says that American

officers have resigned from the army

feeling. Americans throughout Ger-many are no longer wearing the tiny American flags which were so notice able and so generally applauded in the early days of the war.

MASSED, REPORTS

British Commander Reports

Progress of Campaign Up to Feb. 1.

the British Commander-in-Chief and

covered the active operations from

early in Novem'er until the first of

At the end of November, Gen.

French says, the British troops were

m. -ed along a shorter line in order

the present month.

**GENERAL FRENCH** 

oming more and more frigid daily

will lead to a serious crists.

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Four American Vessels Near ARMS SALES MAKE British Waters as Germans Prepare to Destroy.

TWOCARRYPASSENGERS.

Thirteen Steamers From Here Will Reach Danger Line After Kaiser Starts Raid.

There are fourteen steamships out f the port of New York which will be lished by Germany on Feb. 18. Two of these are passengers vessels, the largest being the Adriatic of the White Star Line, which should arrive in Liverpool late on the 18th or the morning of the 19th. The other is the teamship Bergensfjord, a Norwegian vessel, which will be in the North Sea on the date set for raids by Germany Thirteen other steamers have left New York and will reach the "war one" after the date set by the Germans for their raids, making twenty-

seven in all that are in danger of betheir nationality, port for which bound

which will be in the restricted waters

The Adriatic is the most valuable prise of the lot. She has 400 passen-gers and a valuable cargo of food. The steamship Vestris (British), be-longing to the Lamport and Rott line as the steamship Vandyck, which was captured the latter part of October in the South Atlantic by the German Cruiser Karlsruhe, The Van-dyck was valued at \$1,000,006. The Vestris is a larger and newer vessel. THIRTEEN OTHER VESSELS DUE

BOON IN WAR ZONE.

Vidar (Swedish) for Copenhagen;

These are fair samples of the statements which are being published which are creating the anti-American facility. Americans throughout Gar-

called Feb. 13.

New York (Dutch) for London, salided Feb. 12.

Philadelphia (American) for Liverpeel; salided Feb. 13.

Vienna (British) for Havre; salied Feb. 18.

Manhattan (British) for London; salied Feb. 18.

Orduna (British) for Liverpeel; salied Feb. 18.

Niagara (French) for Havre; salied Feb. 14.

Mesomines (British) for London;

Niagara (French) for Havre; salled Feb. 14.

Menominee (British) for London; salled Feb. 14.

In the above dist there are three passenger vassels. The Philadelphia, of the American Line, which salled last Saturday with 30 passengers, should arrive in Liverpool on Sunday, Feb. 21. The Orduna. of the Cunard Line, which also sailed on Saturday, will stop at Halifax and should arrive in Liverpool on Feb. 25.

The Niagara of the French Line should arrive in Havre about Feb. 25.

All the freighters and passenger vessels out of the port of New York are heavily laden with freight. Most of the vassels are down to the Plimsoi line. The cargoes of all vessels were mixed. Great quantities of provisions of every description were carried.

The Suruga has a gross tonnage of

The Suruga has a gross tonnage of 4,875; she is owned by the New York and Oriental Steamship Company, Ltd., Barber & Co., Inc., agents.

The Kansan has a gross tonnage of 7,913; she was formerly the Massachusetts and is owned by the Hawaiian-American Steamship Com-

pany.

The Cushing does not appear in the Lloyds lists.

**MORGENTHAU INDUCES** TURKS TO SET FREE FRENCH VICE CONSUL

ROME, Peb. 16 .- A telegram from Hodeida, Arabia, says that the Tur-kish authorities, acting on the request of the American Ambassador at Constantinopie. Heary Morgenthau, have freed the French Vice Consul, who had been detained at Bana, 100 miles inland from Hodelda. The Vice Consul was permitted to return to the coast and was taken away by the French armored cruiser Dupleiz.

Mr. Morgenthau was assisted by the Italian representative at Hodelda, has the United States has no consular agent there and is unable directly to look after French interests. of the American Ambanuador at Con-

STATE'S ATTORNEY AND REFEREE CONDUCTING INQUIRY INTO BREAD.



ALFRED L BECKER



## front openly charge that the German losses are becoming much greater AS WHITE SLAVER

mosphere which, to put it mildly, is Rev. James M. Darnell Accused of Taking Girl From Minnesota to Illinois.

was arrested in Chicago to-day with violation of the Mann White Slave Law. He was taken into custody in the office of his atterney.

The youthful Unitarian minister was reported to have obtained a license at Crown Point, Ind., yesterday to marry Ruth Boper "Darnell of Owatonna, Minn. Federal authorities who served the warrant on the Darnell said they have been follow-United States to join the allies and ing the young pastor's peregrination for ten days. They said they found no evidence that he had obtained a day a despatch from an English marriage license at Crown Point. Ruth Soper, fatherhood of whose six-mont..s-old son Darnell has ad-

GERMAN AMBASSADOR NOT RECALLED, EMBASSY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- German to permit of concentration of action Embassy officials to-day denied the re-port that Ambassador von Bernstorff and allow the creation of an effective reserve. Early in December it was had been recalled to Berlin. The idea that the Ambassador would

consider risking capture by British warships, to which he would be exposed if he undertook a voyage to Ger-Germans had withdrawn considerable of their forces." says the report, "and we decided to attempt an attack in or not, he certainly would not attempt force. On Dec. 14 we launched this

INTO BREAD PRICES

Tells State Investigators United States Faces Great Wheat Shortage.

SPECULATION BLAMED.

Deputy Attorney General Becker Threatens "Big Criminals" With Jail.

1. The Federal Government should immediately announce how much wheat is on hand and whether it is in the hands of the farmers or the middlemen.

1. The Government should immediately announce its policy as to the question of food supply.

3. The Legislature should at once pass a law explicitly stipulating what the weight of bread should be and providing proper present laws are so drawn that they are vague and can only be enforced through the courts. These are three of the points made

to-day by George W. Perkins, the first witness called by Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker in the State's bread investigation, was begun before Referee Myer Sussbaum at No. 299 Broadway. The investigation is being conducted

inder the Dennelly Anti-Trust Law, weapon as effective, Mr. Becker thinks, as the Sherman Law. Mr. Becker declares that he already knows "one of the big criminals" and

thinks, as the Sherman Law. Mr. Becker declares that he already knows "one of the big criminals" and he proposes to "get them ail."

Penalties under the Donnelly act are one year in prison or a \$5,000 fine or both.

MANY WITNESSES ARE READY TO TESTIFY.

Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker began the proceedings by calling the roll of witnesses under audpoens. Every one was present and all asked leave to have counsel in attendance during the investigation, and this was granted.

The witnesses were George W. Perkins, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Food Supply; William C. Muschenheim, proprietor of the Hotel Astor; Gerald Byrne of the J. B. Greenhut Company; Herschel Coilins of the General Baking Company; George E. Millspaugh of the Howe Baking Company; William Peohter, President of the East Side Retail Bakers' Association; Huge Fredericks of the Rockwell Baking Company and President of the Wholesale Bakers' Association; Alfred Romer of the Shuits Bread Company, auditor of the parce of bread was 21-4 cents for manufacturing; for bread one cent a loaf, but had increased the loaf-weight.

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Harry S. Tipton, auditor of the price of bread one cent a loaf, but had increased When Darnell accepted the Kenosha pastorate, he told the trustees of the church that he was married and would bring his wife to the city later. En reute to Kenosha he stopped off in Chicago, met nineteen-year-old Doris Vaughn, and, after a whirlwind courtship, married her. Telling Doris Vaugh Darnell that he would go to to prepare a home for her at Kenosha, he kissed her goodby and went to the Wisconsin city.

He had been the word of the Ward Bread Company, and former Corporation Counsel Archibaid R. Watson. C. H. Canby, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, has telegraphed he will attend the investigation.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE FOOD INQUIRY, SAYS PERKINS.

Mr. Perkins first explained that as

to prepare a home for her at Kenosha, he kissed her goodby and went to the Wisconsin city.

He had been there only a few weeks when his "wife and baby" arrived. The "wife" was Ruth Soper, daughter of a Minnesota publisher, whom Darnell had known when he was studying theology at Chicago University and she was a co-ed there.

In January the church trustees became suspicious of Darnell's past life. An investigation resulted in his departure from Kenosha at 3 o'clock one morning, after resigning. He came direct to the home of Doris Vaughn Durnell, where he insisted he had never been married to any other woman. The child wife for several days held her confidence in Darnell, but when Ethel Spurgeon "Darnell," of Avon, Ill., showed a marriage certificate and then divorce papers which had given her freedom from Darnell, Doris Vaughn Darnell obtained a divorce.

Darnell immediately met Ruth of 150,000 bushels the same week a year ago," said Mr. Perkins. "The people who bought this wheat were certainly not American speculators, but they may very easily have been European speculators. Undoubtedly Europe is buying our wheat in large quantities and storing it against a continuation of the war and a shortin the ...cat crop this year.

LONDON. Feb. 16.—A thrilling recital of the perils of winter fighting which, by virtue of the strength of the opposing positions will necessarily of a see-saw nature, was made public to-day.

It was the report of Gen. Freed, it was the report of Gen. Freed, it was the report of Gen. Freed, it was the British Commander-in-Chief and two hundred and fifty million surplus bushels of wheat. This has now nearly all been sold. It will be nearly five months before we have any new wheat and with wheat going out of this country at the rate of about one million bushels a day, a schoolboy can figure out that in the next few weeks we will make serious inroads into our

> present supply. "The Mayor's Food Supply Co. . ilttee believes a little foresight is what the situation needs at this time. If another hundred or a hundred and taken out of this country in the next three or four months, which may easily be the case, any sort of action at the end of that time, after the wheat is gone, will not do much good. HOW MUCH WHEAT ARE THE FARMERS HOLDING.

"Is any Governmental authority ooking into the question of how much wheat the farmers are holding? If it develops the farmers are holding the

do, that they will get \$2.00 a bushel, who is going to start a movement to dislodge that wheat and how can it be

"I should like to state," said Deputy kins concluded his statement, "that the Attorney General's plan for this investigation contemplates inquiry into all the matters to which Mr. Perkins has referred. The purpose of to-day's inquiry is primarily to investigate the affairs of the local bakers' associations."

Mr. Becker also stated his investigation cannot alleviate conditions

gation cannot alleviate conditions therwise than by detecting violations

shapes and sizes in which bread is posite No. 541 East Eighty-fith this afternoon when he was run and killed by a wagon, drived itation of these varieties would make bread cost a cent a loaf less, he schlenberger & Noble of No. 872 thought.

COMMISSIONER HARTIGAN IS THE SECOND WITNESS.

Commissioner Joseph J. Hartigan of the Bureau of Weights and Measof the Bureau of Weights and Measures followed Mr. Perkins on the stand. He said that as far back as August, at the outbreak of the European War, it was realized that present conditions would ensue in this city. Bakers contend, he said, that they sell their bread on a unit basis and not according to weight. He said it was difficult to get convictions under the Brooks law.

Elwood M. Rabenoid, representing the United Master Bakers, said none of the master bakers thought they were violating the law, as the Brooks law had never been tested. He said he had offered both Mr. Hartigan and Mr. Walsh, his predecessor, to bring a test case, but each had declined.

"Once this question is tested," he said, "the 3,000 master bakers in New York State would comply with the law in every way."

"There are bakeshops in this city where good, wholesome white bread is sold to-day for as low as 4 cents a loaf," testified Mr. Hartigan. "But I will also say there are bakers who are justified in increasing the price of bread."

"How is the price of bread in New

justified in increasing the price of bread."

"How is the price of bread in New York regulated?" asked Mr. Becker.

"As a general rule." Commissioner Hartigan answered, "in New York today the rise in price has been controlled by the great distributors—that is, of white bread. The large bakers as a rule have caused a raise in the price to 6 cents a loaf, delivered. The small bakers have kept their price down to 5 cents a loaf, sold over the counter."

Francisco (British) for Hull; sailed Feb. 16.

Kaneas City (British) for Bristol; and are applying for naturalisation as Britishers in order that they may be eligible for commissions in an American brigade being formed to fight for England 2,000 strong.

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Morriant Company and President of th a 4 cents and 9 1-2 mills.

WILSON TALKS OF SPAIN.

No Confirmation of Appeal Powers on Mexico, Says President. WASHINGTON, Peb. 16 .- The United

has received no confirmation or reports that Spain had addressed the
powers on restoring order in Mexico.
The President told callers there was
no material change in the Mexican Considing to Discharged.

Martin J. Considine of No. 547 West One Hundred and Sixtleth Street, ar-

Boy Killed by Wagon Mr. Perkins said the forty different at East End Avenue, was playing on the posite No. 541 East Eighty-fifth Spread in which bread is posite No. 541 East Eighty-fifth Spread



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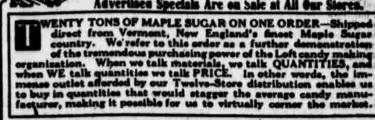
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